



Road Construction Information

The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway (Tunnel Road) from the junction with the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to the East Entrance will undergo reconstruction June 7 to October 28, 2010. *The construction does not impact Zion Canyon, the most visited area of the park.* Visitors to Zion National Park will be able to enjoy Zion Canyon's recreational opportunities, access the park shuttle system, campgrounds, Zion Lodge, and South Entrance without encountering construction. Those traveling between US Highway 89 and Zion Canyon should be aware of the construction schedule.

Road Construction Schedule

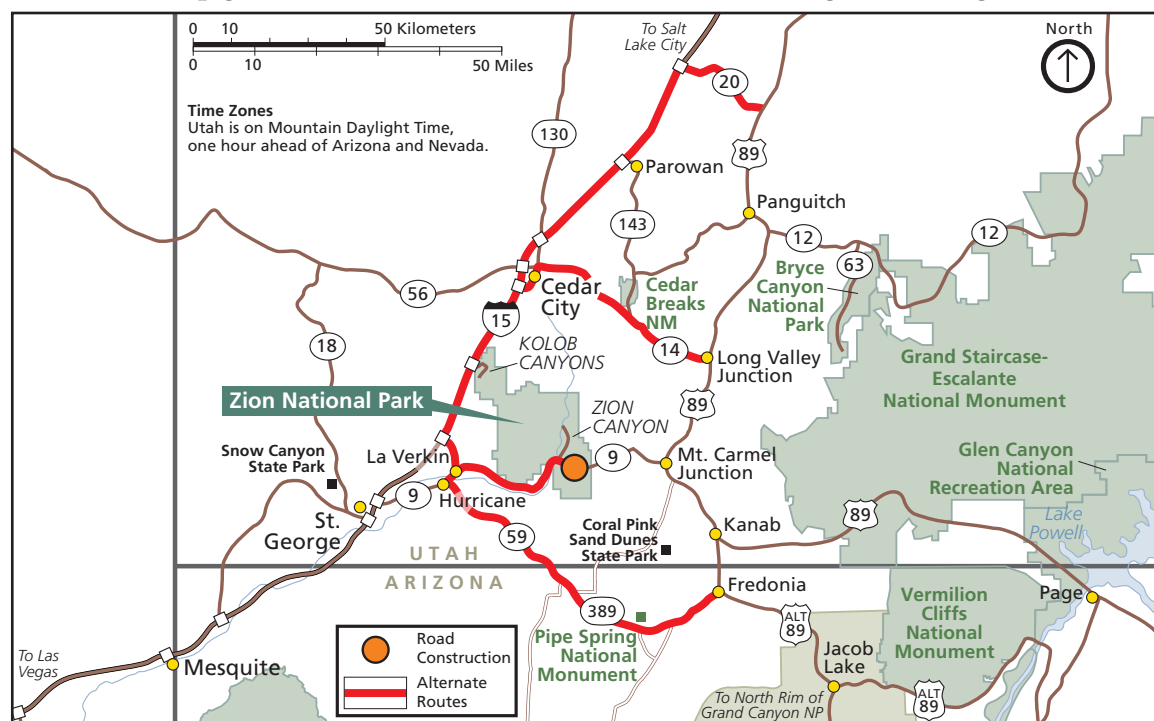
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midnight to 8:00 a.m.	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
8:00 p.m. to Midnight	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open

When open, the road is subject to traffic control and delays of up to 30 minutes. Parking is permitted in designated areas. Large vehicles, over 11'4" tall or 7'10" wide, may travel through the tunnel from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (hours may be reduced in August). A \$15 tunnel escort permit is required for large vehicles.

All vehicles must be beyond Canyon Junction or past the East Entrance by 8:00 p.m. to drive through the construction zone before the night closures. Bicycles are not permitted in the construction zone at any time. Please call (435) 772-3256 (press 1, then 4) or visit www.nps.gov/zion for current information.

Alternate Routes

Alternate routes to US Highway 89 are Utah SR 59 from Hurricane to Arizona SR 389 (1.5 hours—good for large vehicles); Utah SR 14 from Cedar City to Long Valley Junction (2 hours—steep grades); or from I-15 to Utah SR 20 (2 hours—good for large vehicles).



Frequently Asked Questions

When can I travel through Zion National Park?

The road is open from Friday at 8:00 a.m. through Sunday at 8:00 p.m., and during the day Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Is the park closed when the road is closed?

No. The park and shuttle system are open and visitor services will be uninterrupted during all days and times.

Why is the construction happening now?

The project must be done in the construction season of May to October. Work cannot be done during other months because it is too cold at that elevation for paving. Also, winter conditions including fog, frozen ground, snow, and ice are not ideal for road construction. The dirt sections of the work area could become impassable in wet winter weather.

Can I get through with oversized vehicles when the road is open?

Yes. Large vehicles 7'10" wide or wider and/or 11'4" tall or taller may go through the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day (hours may be reduced in August). Oversize vehicles include most motor homes, trailers, dual-wheeled vehicles, and buses. There is a \$15 fee for an escort through the tunnel for large vehicles.

Can I stop and hike when the road is open?

Yes. Vehicles will be permitted to park in designated pullouts from the East Entrance to the junction with the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. All hikers and vehicles must be moving out of the area by 8:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Vehicles stopped or left unattended by the road may be trapped or interfere with work.

If I am in line at the entrance station at 7:55 p.m., will I be able to get through?

It is not guaranteed. The barricades will go up at 8:00 p.m. whether you are through the gate or not. Please do not "cut it close." Come early and have your park pass or tunnel pass purchased ahead of time.

I don't want to get caught in a long line when the road opens at 8:00 a.m., can I come early and wait?

Please do not arrive early! Because of congestion at Canyon Junction and East Entrance, all vehicles will be turned away before 8:00 a.m. It will be far better for you to leave a little later than to arrive at 8:00 a.m.
